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SUBJ: MOZAMBIQUE MEDIA ON RHODESIA

1. IN SHORT FRONT PAGE STORY JANUARY 4, NOTICIAS REPORTED THAT IVOR RICHARD CHARACTERIZED HIS TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER AS "USEFUL, POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE," AND THAT VORSTER AND RICHARD ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN IN APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS. NOTICIAS THEN COMMENTED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN IS RHODESIA'S PRINCIPLE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ALLY AND THAT THE BRITISH ARE "TRYING TO UTILIZE VORSTER TO PRESSURE THE SMITH REGIME" INTO ACCEPTING THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS.

2. SAME ARTICLE ALSO QUOTED AN UNNAMED NATIONALIST LEADER IN LUSAKA AS SAYING THAT THE RICHARD VISIT TO SOUTHERN AFRICA IS "AN ATTEMPT TO DIVIDE THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENT... IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A PUPPET GOVERNMENT IN SALISBURY." ARTICLE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT ROBERT MUGABE HAS ALREADY DENOUNCED THE "IMPERIALIST PLAN" OF THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN BECAUSE IT WILL ONLY LEAD TO THE CREATION OF A NEW ZIMBABWEAN

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GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM THE SMITH REGIME ONLY IN THE COLOR OF THE SKINS OF ITS LEADERS.

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